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Region 6 Update - 8/11

In New Mexico, EPA has a team of two federal on-scene coordinators, two water quality experts and thirty technicians and contractors responding to the spill as it reaches communities in the state. EPA mobile command center is operational in Farmington.

EPA has placed personnel with NMED in Santa Fe to enhance planning and communication between the agencies. EPA Region 6 has one federal on-scene coordinator and public information officer stationed with Unified Command in Durango, Colorado.

EPA is continuing collecting water quality samples from nine locations in the river near intakes for Aztec, Farmington, Lower Valley Water Users Association, Morning Star Water Supply System and the North Star Water User Association. Each of these locations will continue to monitored as the spill makes its way past these areas. EPA has two dedicated water quality experts available in New Mexico to assist the five drinking water systems.

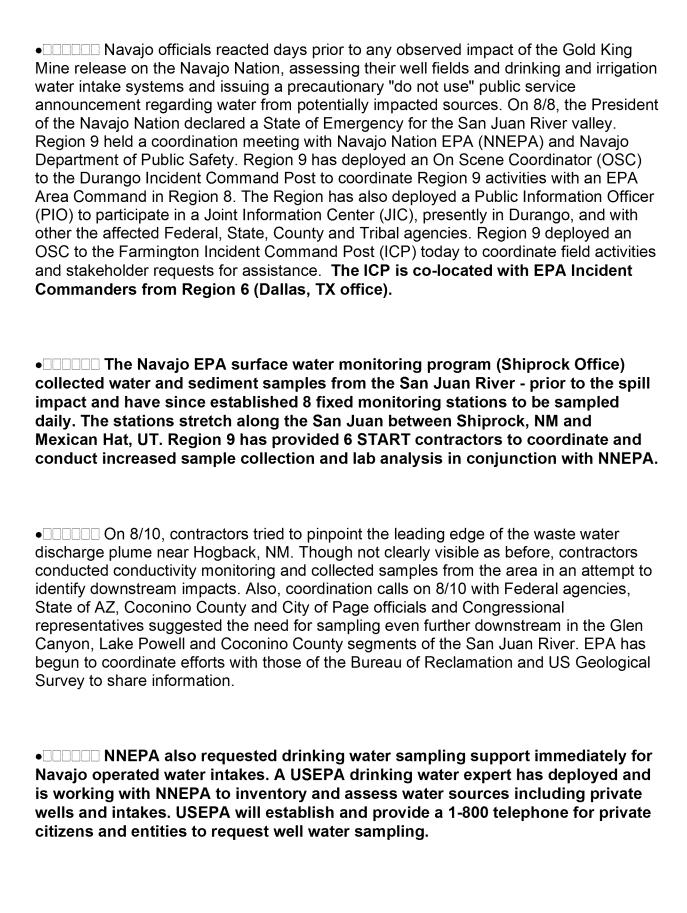
Water quality laboratory results from six samples taken on Aug 6 and 7 before the spill reached Aztec and Farmington areas confirm that water conditions within the river met drinking water requirements. These results will be used by local officials to evaluate conditions after the spill to determine when water use can return to normal.

EPA is providing alternative water supply for livestock in New Mexico. This service was previously being provided by San Juan County NM.

EPA and New Mexico Environment Department are providing free water quality testing for

domestic drinking water wells along the river. NMED and EPA provided a sign up booth at the San Juan County Fair for private well owners. Teams of qualified technicians are going door-to-door to collect samples for laboratory analysis. Four teams made up of NMED and/or EPA technicians sampled 14 private domestic wells yesterday. The effort will grow to seven teams today. NM Department of Game and Fish biologist and game warden monitoring found wild birds with stains were able to fly and rehabilitation has not been required. NM Game & Fish did not observe any fish kills during yesterday's overflight. • \textsup \ coordinating with them on various efforts including sampling and community outreach. emergency response, water sampling and communications/coordination with the Navajo Nation and other stakeholders. Navajo National representatives daily updates via email, and Region 9 is working with the wider regional response to set up an 800 number for Navajo Nation and other citizens who are seeking to have their water tested. Farmington, Shiprock and Durango

EPA Region 9 Activities – 8/11/15



•□□□□□ Region 9 has hired a contractor to coordinate with Navajo Tribal Utilities
Authority (NTUA) to deliver water to the areas impacted by the discharge. The
Montezuma Creek well development area was closed as a precaution prior to any
impact. EPA contractors are collecting NTUA provided water from the Sweetwater
wellfield and delivering it to the Montezuma Creek service area.

• CICs met with Navajo Incident Command in Shiprock Sunday evening for an update on outreach activities to date. It was reported that by the end of 8/10, approximately 75% of Navajo communities along San Juan River had been reached by Navajo teams. Community Health Representatives from Navajo are working to finish outreach to remaining communities. On 8/10, CICs attended two special chapter meetings arranged by Vice President Jonathan Nez and provided an update on EPA activity to date. At both chapter meetings, held at Aneth and Oljato, Vice President Nez participated, along with Attorney General Ethel Branch and local chapter officials. Present at the Oljato meeting were NNEPA Executive Director Dr. Donald Ben and special advisor to President Begaye Peterson Zah. The CICs will partner with various Navajo officials, Navajo incident command, and other responding agencies to ensure comprehensive outreach to all affected Navajo Chapters.

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